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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed on December 18, 2008, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner reconsider the rejections of the Claims in view of this reply.